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CONVENTION - '85: Dates are Oct. 11th and 12th (Columbus Day weekend), at the Holiday Inn-North, in Newark. This will be our 10th Annual Convention. The four co-chairmen, Jay Hickerson, Anthony Tollin, Joe Webb and Stu Weiss, had a special meeting Jan. 16th. The following was discussed:

1. Have special 10-year program with ads. Bob Burchette will handle this. Full page ads will be \$100; 1/2 page \$60; 1/4 page \$35; 1/8 page \$20. Ads will be typeset. A form is attached to fill out if you are interested. Please send ad and appropriate amount to me by July 1st. Many fans have expressed interest in supporting the Friends of Old-Time Radio and this would be an ideal way of doing so, especially if we are to invite more West Coast guests.
2. Cost will be \$24 for Friday - all day & evening with a buffet dinner. Daytime only is \$7...Cost for Saturday all day and evening including a buffet dinner is \$33 (\$31 for persons over age 65 and under age 16). Daytime only is \$8 (\$6 for over 65 and under 16). All registration monies should be mailed and made out to me. Dealers tables will be \$25 with a limit of 3 tables per dealer -- 44 tables are available.
3. Special guests will be registered in a separate area, and a special room will be set aside for interviews.
4. Three or four programs will be re-created--some spontaneously. One is being considered for Friday Evening. Some being considered are "Superman" & "The Lone Ranger." The West Coast guests able to attend will influence our choice of programs and workshops.
5. Video tapes of OTR to TV shows are being considered to be shown on a continuous basis from 10a.m. Friday to 6p.m.; 11p.m. Friday to 6p.m. Saturday, and 11p.m. Saturday to Sunday morning. We need more appropriate video tapes. If you can help, please let me know. A projection screen is also being considered.
6. A van will again be available for special guests who need rides.
7. All trivia, sing-a-longs, etc. will be related to radio this year.
8. A group of 10 may reserve dinner tables for Saturday again. The placement of these tables will be better considered. Try to have 1 or 2 special guests at your table so they can mix during dinner. If you have your list before the Convention, mail it to me.
9. If you are interested in a special Sunday brunch (about 9-11), let me know so we can reserve a room. We should have at least 50. Otherwise we will do as before--eat at your leisure in the dining room.
10. Workshops. We are considering over 35 workshops. Of course, these will be narrowed down by interest and time. We will avoid having 2 at once, and have most of the guest-oriented programs Saturday afternoon. We will have breathing spaces in between. Friday afternoon will have several workshops this year, as well as Friday evening. Hobby-oriented workshops will be mostly on Friday and Saturday morning. All workshops being considered are listed below with coordinators if we have them. If you wish to volunteer to run one or know of some we didn't list, let me know. Most important, let me know which below are your favorites. We will try to include these.

- Overview of radio, either chronologically or by type of show.
- Americana thru radio (Doris Milburg)
- Mysteries (Bill Madel)
- Radio from comics (G. Yoggy)
- News shows (D. Osgood)
- Children's shows, including LET'S PRETEND (R. Lackmann)
- Soaps (R. Lackmann)
- Experimental Shows
- Panic Broadcast
- Museum of Broadcasting
- Bing Crosby
- Benny/Allen Feud
- Acting workshop with guests
- Lone Ranger
- Publications
- Authors of OTR
- Producers
- Directors
- Club-run (NARA-Tom Mix)
- Commercials
- Big Bands (Beldon Menkus)
- Sci-Fi (G. Yoggy)
- Starting a collection, technical aspect, computerizing your collection (B. Burnham, T. Monroe)
- ESCAPE (T. Salomonson)
- Westerns (Don Aston)
- Dramas
- Comedies
- Quiz Shows
- Jolson
- Sound effects
- Trivia (John Eccles, Richard King)
- Collectors Forum
- Clubs
- Teaching OTR
- Writers and radio scripting
- Musicians

A PERSONAL NOTE: Many thanks for holiday cards from Frank & Veola (Vonn) Nelson, John Barber, Greg Jackson, (Greg always sends an original captioned photograph in the card. Also has attached for many years an old Christmas seal. This year was 1946), Dick Hayes, Roger Hill, Anne & Dick Osgood, Rosa Rio & Bill Yeoman, Marge & Terry Ross, Lee & Slim Allman, Mary Lou Wallace, Lee Munsick, Jeanette & Don Aston, Geoff Oates, Bee & Jackson Beck, Don Koehnemann (Don & I go back to 1970), Debbie & Bob Burnham, Fran Carlin, Florence Williams & Phil Christie, Mildred Clinton, Anna & Gary Yoggy and many others.

On November 25th I turned 50 -- Karen & I celebrated 2 years of agony, I mean marriage (January 2nd), with a trip to Palm Beach, Fla. for 5 days -- Robin (21) and Craig (20), still very much active in Cable TV & phone installation, with offices in Albany, N.Y., Kansas City, Mo., Savannah, Ga., Melbourne & Orlando, Fla. -- There is a possibility that there will be a Jack Benny Stamp, either 2¢ or 39¢.

CORRECTIONS: David Gorcey, son of Bernard, brother of Leo, was not original "Dead End Kid" as VARIETY indicated. He appeared in the Monogram Series Bowery Boys. Info. sent in by John Wisse.

IN FOND MEMORY: DONALD JAMES ADDRISI, Nov. 13, 45; songwriter, performer ("Never My Love")...DORIS MAY, May 12, 82; silent film actress...HARRY SUKMAN, Dec. 72; Oscar-winning composer...JACK CARNEY, Nov. 27, 52; radio personality; host of current "Jack Carney's Comedy Store"...CHRISTOPHER ADLER, Dec. 1, 30; Lyricist...LUTHER ADLER, Dec 8, 81; well-known actor...JEANNE CAGNEY, Dec 7, 65; well-known actress...RUTH CUMMINGS, Dec 6, 90; actress...JOHN JORDAN, Nov. 11, 81; actor...JAN PEERCE, Dec. 15, 80; well-known singer...GEORGE WAGGNER, Dec 11, 90; director, producer, composer ("Mary Lou"), screenwriter...LITTLE T. TEAGARDEN, Dec 10, 71; big-band trumpet player...JIMMY LYONS, Nov 28, 64; pianist...DON PAUL YOWELL, Nov. 17, 31; composer...GENE RAMEY, Dec 8, 71; jazz & blues bassist...MANN CURTIS, Dec 6, 73; lyricist ("Let It Be Me," "In A Sentimental Mood")...ROLLIE CULVER, Dec. 8, 76; drummer for Red Nichols...PETER LAWFORD, Dec. 24, 61; well-known actor...FRED LOWERY, Dec. 11, 74; blind whistler; "High & The Mighty"...JACK MERZER, Dec 7, 74; actor; provided voices for "Popeye" &

"Felix the Cat"...RICHARD MARR, Dec 18; actor...GAIL BONNEY, Dec 7, 83; char. actress...LEO ROBIN, Dec 29, 84; well-known lyricist ("Love in Bloom", "Thanks for the Memory")...SAM PECKINPAH, Dec 28, 59; well-known director, often criticized for his violence...IAN HENDRY, Dec 24, 53; Brit. char. actor...LUCIEN CALLIET, Jan 3, 92; orchestrator-composer...(Big) JOHN HAMILTON, Dec 5; char. actor...ROBERT WOMACK, Dec 24, 68; big-band drummer...JOHN FOGARTY, Dec 3, 90; vaude & radio singer...ANTON KARAS, Jan 10, 78; zither player ("Third Man Theme")...JOHNNY GUARNIERI, Jan 7, 67; well-known pianist & composer. Wrote original music for over 1500 radio shows...JOHN PAXTON, Jan 5, 73; screenwriter...CLARK ANDREWS, Jan 18, 76; writer-producer of movies, radio ("Fat Man," "Rogues Gallery")...HARRY RIGBY, Jan 17, 59; Broadway legit producer...CAROL WAYNE, Jan 13, 42; film & TV actress...GEORGE STOLL, Jan 18, 79; veteran MGM musical director...CURT DAWSON, Jan 13, 43; stage & TV actor...STASH O'LOUGHLIN, Dec. 24, 60; pianist, arranger.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: On The Air; Sept.-Dec; Articles on Christmas shows & "Captain Midnight"...Golden Years of Radio & TV; #5; articles on "Untouchables," "Henry Aldrich"; Reprint of 1935 Blue Book of Radio Entertainers...Nostalgia Digest and Radio Guide; Dec.-Jan; Articles on Red Skelton, Jim Jordan, Christmas Music...Feb.-Mar., Articles on Agnes Moorehead, early radio ratings, Raymond Chandler, Radio & railroad...Reruns, Nov; logs of "My Favorite Martian," "Addams Family" update...articles on "Honeymooners" and "\$99,000 Dollar Question."

CLUBS AND PUBLICATIONS: More Publications available: 1. TV Collector by Steve & Diane Albert, Box 188, Needham, Ma. 02192, (TV current events & nostalgia). 2. TV Search by William Felchner, 700 E. Macoupin St., Staunton, Ill. 62088 (TV nostalgia).

Old Time Radio Club in Buffalo is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 1985. It has over 200 members. If you would like to write to the Club, write Jerry Collins, 56 Christen Ct., Lancaster, NY 14086.

NEW SHOWS & CATALOGUES: Pat McCoy, Box 1069, Richland, Wa. 99352; Supplem. 13; Highlights - Chronological Benny, Suspense, much else. Pat and I go back to 1970 when we traded quite a bit. Pat has very large collection... Dave Siegel, Box 610, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520; recent supplement. Dave has one of largest collections in the country.

NEW ADDRESSES: WILLIAM COOMBS, c/o Vinnell Corp, APO, NY 09038...DON MOORE, 4332 Crabapple St., Ft. Worth, Tx. 76137...MAX SCHMID, 644 Main St., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801...FRANK TOMASELLI, 29 Donna Court, #10, Staten Island, N.Y. 10314, looking for VHS copies of any movies Ritz Bros. were in.

HERE & THERE: New Friends and Returnees: DAN DECKER, 2210 Olive, Cedar Falls, Ia. 50613...LEON DREXLER, 626 Old Lancaster Rd., Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010...EMIL PINTA, 685 Oxford St., Worthington, Oh. 43085...MIKE BLUNK, 302N. Salem, Box 13, Boston, Ind. 47324...DONNIE PITCHFORD, 202 Alta, Longview, Tx. 75604...JOHN MAYES, 1201 Governor Rd., Box 25, Hershey, Pa. 17033...BILL BRAGG, 2001 Plymouth Rk, Richardson, Tx 75081 (National Broadcast Museum)...STEVE KELEZ, Box 4357, Santa Rosa, Cal. 95402...LARRY ROSSEN, 6245 No. Claremont Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60659, wants various LUX shows, SHADOW 1943-5, PLANTATION JUBILEE, WAYNE KING in 1945, Dick Haymes & Jane Froman...DICK O'DONNELL, 5024 117th Ave. SE, Bellevue, Wa. 98006. Dick is running a survey for all OTR buffs. He wants: 10 top radio series; 10 top individual radio programs; 10 top radio performers, male & female; 5 top radio comedy teams; 5 top soap operas; 5 daily adv. shows; 5 top news commentators. Results will be published in a national publication.

New Friends...(cont'd):

CHUCK SCHADEN, Box 421, Morton Grove, Ill. 60053. Chuck and I go back to 1970. His bi-monthly publication "Nostalgia Digest and Radio Guide" is in its 11th year with 5000 subscribers, most in the Chicago area. The cost is \$10/year. Chuck has OTR shows on WNIB, WNIZ, WAIT & WMRO in the Chicago area.

HERE & THERE: Old Friends: PETE HOLLIS, 1107 Robert Rd., Wilson, N.C. 27093, has 4 reels of "The News of 1980." Each day is covered by a 3-4 minute edited radio newscast mainly from ABC News; most commercials are deleted. Each year Pete will offer 5-year old tapes, (They are nostalgic after 5 years), for only 4 blank 1800' reels and \$4.00 for shipping, etc. If cassettes, send 14 C-90 cassettes and \$4.00. One set per person. I have a copy and Pete has put a lot of work in this. CORT PARENT, JR., 3700 Old Crompond Rd., RFD 4, Box 273, Peekskill, N.Y. 10566, looking for: Fred Allen w/Oscar Levant, 1/31/43; w/Phil Baker, 2/28/43; w/Richard Haydn, w/Bella Lugosi, 4/25/43; w/Louella Parsons, 2/13/44; w/Jack Haley, 4/2/44; w/Reginald Gardiner, 4/9/44, & Portland's birthday, 5/28/44...FRED McFADDEN, Box 40, R.D.7, Townline Rd., Rome, N.Y. 13440, has one of largest Judy Garland collection. Still looking for more...BILL ANTHONY, 1624 Beryl Dr., Pittsb., Pa. 15227, wants to rent VCR tapes of old serials & "B" movies from 30's & 40's. Anyone know of a firm? ... TOM HEATHWOOD, 22 Broadlawn Pk, Chestnut Hill, Ma. 02167, wants Baby Snooks - preferably Maxwell House Coffee Show with Frank Morgan...also looking for buyer to pay "lot price" for over 1000 WHDH (Boston) ET's of local shows. Will consider selling 100 original WHDH Bob & Ray shows separately ... TOM MASTEL, 1547 Arbutus Dr., San Jose, Cal. 95118, wants SONY tape recorder #TC570, complete with speaker. Write or call (408) 442-3033, after 4:00 Pacific Standard Time.

RADIO IS ALIVE & WELL: More radio stations broadcasting OTR: WDUQ-FM 90.5, Pittsburgh, M-F, 2-3p.m., variety; M-F, 8-10 p.m., variety with music & interviews interspersed; WBZ-AM, Boston, Sat 11pm-2am, nostalgia with Ken Meyer ... New Lord Peter Whimsey series is broadcast on NPR ... WBAI, NYC has detailed Feb. schedule out for SASE. Send to Golden Age of Radio, c/o WBAI-FM - 19th Floor, 505 - 8th Avenue, NYC 10018. Days of OTR broadcasts are Feb. 1-8, 11-24 at various times. WBAI and its convention announcements by Jack Shugg and Max Schmid accounted for more new people than any other single source last year. Many, many thanks. ... JOHN HICKMAN, WAMU-FM, Wash., D.C., is celebrating 21 years of broadcasting OTR. Starting in 1964, I know of no other longer continuous OTR rebroadcasts ... It was nice to Jackson Beck's name among the credits of a recent episode of "Remington Steele" about "The Atomic Man." Another radio station broadcasting OTR is WTKH-AM 9.70, Pittsburgh, Pa. M-F, 7:00p.m., variety.

LATE NEWS: Plans are underway for a special Lone Ranger re-creation at our Convention with Dick Osgood directing and bringing in several original cast members...Hotel rooms are \$53 for single, \$58 for double. When you register, let me know what you need and for what nights. I will register for you. You pay the room cost upon arrival...There is a problem with the 1974 Convention audio tape. Joe Webb will let you know when the problem is resolved...NEW FRIENDS: Donald Varga, 15027 Triskett Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44111...Timothy Crawford, c/o Aramco, Box 5357, Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia.

Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs!

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